

## Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention relates to a lightweight valve, in particular for internal combustion engines, ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~ comprising a valve stem, a hollow valve cone and a valve disk, the valve cone and the valve disk together forming a hollow space, and to a method for manufacturing the lightweight valve, ~~according to claim 15~~.

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0002]:

BACKGROUND

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0005]:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] ~~To achieve the object, The present invention provides a lightweight valve with the features of claim 1 is proposed. This is characterized in that the valve disk is provided with~~ having a gripping receiver for the valve stem. This serves for non-positive connection between valve disk and valve stem, so that they are interconnected immovably. This design simplifies the handling of this subassembly formed by insertion of the valve stem end into the valve disk gripping receiver during the subsequent joining process, that is when valve disk and stem are materially interconnected, preferably welded or soldered together. Further fastening means for connecting the valve disk and the valve stem for the purpose of preassembly are not required. The gripping receiver can moreover be designed in such a way that a desired alignment of the valve stem relative to the valve disk takes place when the valve stem end is inserted into the gripping receiver, so that separate centering means can be dispensed with.

Please delete paragraph [0012].

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] ~~The subject matter of the invention also concerns a method with the features of claim 15~~

~~for manufacturing a lightweight valve.~~ The method ~~proposes that~~ according to the present invention provides for a first one-piece component forming the valve disk and the gripping receiver is produced by casting, forming and/or by means of a powder metallurgy method in a first step. A second one-piece component forming the valve stem is produced in a second step. In this connection, the valve stem can be of hollow design or consist of solid material. In a third step, a third component forming the valve cone is produced, preferably by means of a forming operation. In a fourth step, the first and second components are then fitted together. In the process, the valve stem engages in the valve disk gripping receiver, by virtue of which the components are centered in relation to one another and at the same time interconnected securely. Valve disk and valve stem are subsequently interconnected inseparably by means of a material connection. Finally, the hollow valve cone is pushed onto the valve stem and brought to lie with its end of greater diameter opposite the valve disk. The through-opening in the valve cone preferably has a guiding and centering portion, so that accurate alignment of the valve cone relative to the valve stem and the valve disk takes place when the valve stem is pushed through. Finally, the valve cone is connected inseparably to both the valve stem and the valve disk by means of a material connection. Owing to the design according to the invention of the lightweight valve, relative alignment/centering of the individual components is possible in a simple way without special aligning devices being essential for this.

Please delete paragraph [0014].

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0015]:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0018]:

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please amend the heading on top of page 11 with the following amended heading:

~~Patent claims~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: